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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John R. Liddicoat et al.  
Serial No.: 10/724,854  
Filed: 12/01/2003  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
MANIPULATING TISSUE  
Group Art Unit: 3773  
Examiner: Vy Q. Bui  
Attorney's Docket No.: LIDDICOHN-123

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July 6, 2009

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Margaret M. Carley

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Sir:

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

Applicants respectfully petition the Director to withdraw  
the Notice of Abandonment issued in connection with the  
above-identified patent application, inasmuch as a response to  
the outstanding Official Action issued on December 22, 2008 was  
filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 22, 2009.

A statement of the facts involved is provided hereinbelow.

An Official Action was mailed by Examiner Vy Q. Bui on  
December 22, 2008.

On June 22, 2009, Applicants submitted a Time Extension  
Petition, a Response, a Certificate of Mailing, a check for

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\$1,175.00 and a return receipt postcard to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the Time Extension Petition and a copy of the Response are enclosed for the convenience of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

On June 29, 2009, Applicants received the return receipt postcard indicating that the Time Extension Petition, Response, Certificate of Mailing, check for \$1,175.00 and return receipt postcard were received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark on June 25, 2009 (copy enclosed).

A Notice Of Abandonment was mailed on June 25, 2009 which indicated that the above-identified patent application was abandoned for "failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 22 December 2008" because no reply had been received.

In view of the fact that a timely response was filed with, and received by, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants respectfully request that the Director withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and enter the response filed on June 22, 2009 in the above-identified patent application.

In the event that any fees may be required in this matter, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a five (5) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed December 22, 2008 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from January 22, 2009 to June 22, 2009.

A check in the amount of \$1,175.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.  
A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Official Action currently  
outstanding with respect to the above-identified patent  
application.

Claims 40-54 stand subject to a restriction requirement  
under 35 USC 121.

More particularly, the Examiner indicated that the  
application contains claims directed to the following  
patentably distinct species:

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Species 1: Figs. 1-4.

1.1. Sub-species 1: Figs. 5-10.

1.2. Sub-species 2: Figs. 11-12.

Species 2: Figs. 13-18.

2.1. Sub-species 1: Figs. 19-22.

2.2. Sub-species 2: Figs. 23-24.

Species 3: Figs. 25-31.

The Examiner also indicated that Applicants are required under 35 USC 121 to elect a single disclosed species/sub-species for prosecution on the merits.

In response, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the species of Species 1: directed to Figs. 1-4 and the sub-species of Sub-species 1: directed to Figs. 5-10. Applicants believe that this species and sub-species is directed to claims 40-53.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute all non-elected subject matter in related applications.

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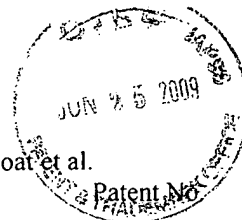
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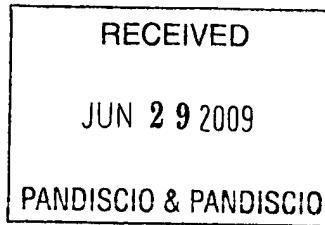
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